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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) CONFIDENTIAL REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield.

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 22 August 1951

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. The number of laborers at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield was increased considerably between 10 and 23 July 1951. A work force of 350 German men and women was repeatedly observed working in each shift. *
2. Soviet convicts were observed working at the field for the first time on 19 July. They were divided into three groups of 180 men each and were quartered in three temporary buildings about 30 meters apart northwest of the field. This was in the vicinity of the taxiway. ** Recently, German convicts also worked at the field.
3. On 20 July, 10 grab cranes (Greifbagger) were counted at the field. Five were in operation at the northwestern section and three at the southeastern section of the field. Sixteen diesel locomotives 12 of which were continually in operation, were seen at the field. About 10 to 12 dump-cars were coupled to each diesel locomotive. Since the narrow-gauge field railway trackage was extended considerably, source assumed that the soil required for grading was to be hauled from a distance. Five motor rollers were continually used for grading. Work was still being done in three shifts. The working sites were illuminated at night. Most of the work was being done at the northwestern section of the field. The staking off of a runway was not observed. *** On 11 July, [REDACTED] was seen in Erfurt.

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- * Source Comment. Same source previously reported that only 120 laborers worked in each shift up to 7 July 1950. [REDACTED]
- ** Source Comment. It was also reported from Vernouchen airfield that Soviet convicts were engaged in construction work.
- *** Source Comment. It appears that, upon completion of runway construction at the Vernouchen, Herbst, Helzow, Puetnitz, Priesen or Herseburg airfields, construction of a runway will begin at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield.

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